

VILLAGE OF POMONA
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

MAY 20, 2024

7:30 P.M.

PRESENT

Mayor Ilan Fuchs

Deputy Mayor Mendy Lasker

Trustee Marc Greenberg

Trustee Joel Grunwald

Trustee Raanan Zidile

ALSO PRESENT

Village Attorney Brian Nugent

Village Clerk Jenna Antoine

At 7:36pm Mayor Ilan Fuchs called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ilan Fuchs made a motion to open the public comment period. The motion was seconded by Mendy Lasker. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present. Trustee Joel Grunwald and Village Attorney, Brian Nugent will be arriving late to the meeting, but will be in attendance to the meeting. We have a quorum, so we can begin.

Village Attorney, Brian Nugent arrived to the meeting.

One resident had questions in regards to parade permits. The resident wanted to make sure that the board can make sure they go through without any issues. The law written on parade permits requires 15 days of notice given to the Clerk, in order to approve the permit. Village Attorney, Brian Nugent explained that it is okay this applicant did not give 15 days of notice, they explained that they could not because they were waiting for the Police Department to approve it. The Village Clerk, Jenna Antoine explained that when the law was passed, the fees were never

made up for the Parade Permit. Deputy Mayor, Mendy Lasker asked the applicant if they would be comfortable paying a \$50 fee for each parade and the resident said they would be fine with that.

Mendy Lasker made a motion to authorize the clerk to waive the notice period required for parade permits. The motion was seconded by Raanan Zidile. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 4-0-1.

Mendy Lasker made a motion to authorize the clerk to add the parade fee of \$50 to the fee schedule. The motion was seconded by Raanan Zidile. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 4-0-1.

Ilan Fuchs made a motion to close the public comment period. The motion was seconded by Marc Greenberg. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 4-0-1.

Joel Grunwald arrived to the meeting.

Treasury Report

Trustee Raanan Zidile moved the resolution that the payment of General Funds Claims totaling \$106,111.66 set forth on page 8 in the Monthly Abstract Listing dated April 16, 2024 through May 20, 2024 as submitted is hereby approved subject to individual audits by the Board of Trustees.

The Payrolls of April 19, 2024, May 3, 2024, and May 17, 2024 as set forth in the payroll in the amounts of \$12,617.93, \$12,180.10, and \$11,963.99 respectively, are hereby submitted for approval, subject to the individual audits by the Board of Trustees. Seconded by Trustee Marc Greenberg. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 5-0.

Meeting Minutes

Approval of Minutes from the Village Board Meeting on 4/15/24. Mendy Lasker moved that the minutes be approved and was seconded by Marc Greenberg. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 5-0.

Pomona Cultural Center

Gde Arsa Artha submitted a report to the Village Board on the Pomona Cultural Center. In the report he wrote about an upcoming Summer Concert on June 9, 2024. Mr. Arsa Artha requested a sum of \$750: \$400 for the entertainment and \$350 for hospitality. Mendy Lasker made a motion to approve the above. Seconded by Joel Grunwald. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 5-0.

Ilan Fuchs made a motion to approve the updated Board of Trustees meeting schedule for 2024. The motion was seconded by Mendy Lasker. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 5-0.

Village of Pomona

Board of Trustees Schedule 2024

All Meetings Start Promptly at 7:30 PM

January 22, 2024

February 26, 2024

March 25, 2024

April 1, 2024 – Re-Org Meeting

April 15, 2024

May 20, 2024

June 24, 2024

July 29, 2024

August 19, 2024

September 23, 2024

October 28, 2024

November 25, 2024

December 16, 2024

DATED: MAY 20, 2024

Mendy Lasker made a motion to approve the refund for \$500 for engineering escrow that was collected for 57 Halley Drive. The motion was seconded by Joel Grunwald. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 5-0.

DATED: MAY 20, 2024

Motion made by Mendy Lasker to approve the below resolution. Seconded by Raanan Zidile.

RESOLUTION

A Meeting of the Village Board of the Village of Pomona, New York was convened on **May 20, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.**

The following Resolution was duly offered and seconded to wit:

**RESOLUTION CONSTITUTING ORDER FOR THE INSTALLATION
OF A STOP SIGN AND STOP BAR**

WHEREAS, the Village of Pomona (“Village”) desires to have installed a stop sign and stop bar within the Village territory at the intersections of High Mountain Rd and Halley Dr; and

WHEREAS, the Village Engineer, Spence Engineering, has recommended the same be done to ensure the safety of all Village residents in said area of High Mountain Rd and Halley Dr; and

WHEREAS, the installation work of the stop sign and sign bar will be completed by the Town of Ramapo; and

WHEREAS, the Village desires such work to be done and authorizes the Town of Ramapo to complete said work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

Section 1. The above “WHEREAS” clauses are hereby incorporated by reference as though set forth in full herein.

Section 2. The Village of Pomona Village Board of Trustees (“Board”) hereby authorizes the Town of Ramapo to complete the work required for a stop sign and sign bar to be placed at the intersections of High Mountain Rd and Halley Dr.

Section 3. The Village Mayor or his designee is hereby authorized and directed to execute all necessary documents, as approved by Village counsel, with the Town of Ramapo for the work to be completed.

Section 4. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Mayor Ilan Fuchs	YES
Trustee Mendy Lasker	YES
Trustee Marc Greenberg	YES
Trustee Joel Grunwald	YES
Trustee Raanan Zidile	YES

The Resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

DATED: MAY 20, 2024

Motion made by Mendy Lasker to approve the below resolution. Seconded by Joel Grunwald.

RESOLUTION

A Meeting of the Village Board of the Village of Pomona, New York was convened on **May 20, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.**

The following Resolution was duly offered and seconded to wit:

**RESOLUTION REGARDING HARDSHIP WAIVER OF SECURITY POSTING
FOR HOUSES OF WORSHIP**

WHEREAS, the Village has received Special Permit applications from Bais Levi Yitzchok (“130 Camphill”) (S/B/L 25.17-3-30) pursuant to the Village’s House of Worship Local Law (collectively the “Congregations”); and

WHEREAS, provisions of the Village Code require the posting of security in connection with site plan approval for such projects; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board desires to consider amendment of the Local Law to amend the Village Code to allow for a hardship waiver for the posting of such security requirements for non-for-profit organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Village has received correspondence from the Congregation requesting a waiver of the security posting requirement due to financial hardship and based on the financing of such Congregation coming from donors; and

WHEREAS, the Village Engineer has indicated that it takes no issue if the Village Board lowers the surety bond or letter of credit in these specific house of worship projects; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board desires to consider such hardship requests.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

Section 1. The above “WHEREAS” clauses are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.

Section 2. The Village Board hereby authorizes the reduction of the security posting requirements for the Congregation as identified herein to \$300000 subject to compliance with any and all applicable provisions of the Special Permit, the Village Code and the conditions identified by the Village Engineer.

Section 3. The Mayor and any officer, employee or consultant as directed by the Village Mayor is hereby authorized to take any and all actions necessary to carry out the provisions of this Resolution.

Section 4. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Mayor Ilan Fuchs	YES
Trustee Mendy Lasker	YES
Trustee Marc Greenberg	YES
Trustee Joel Grunwald	YES
Trustee Raanan Zidile	YES

The Resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

DATED: MAY 20, 2024

Trustees Period

Burgess Meredith Park

Mendy Lasker: Our project for Burgess Meredith Park is moving forward. It will soon have a beautiful addition. We are aware that some residents have concerns about this park, as they are in communication with our Trustee Raanan Zidile, who is in charge of resident communication. The path is not so clear at this park, as well as the big field, due to lack of drainage. We are working on getting more grant money to help with this. In regards to how the path and parking lot looks, Village Engineer, Martin Spence said it will look like this until the project is over and at that point they will have to fix it

Secor Park

Mendy Lasker: We currently have another park that we will be working on next. Jenna when are the bids open until?

Village Clerk, Jenna Antoine: The bids for Secor Park close this Thursday morning at 10:59am

Additional Grant Money

Ilan Fuchs: We received a \$1 Million grant with the Town of Ramapo from Michael Lawler's office. We are waiting to find out how it will be used. This is to help improve infrastructure. We are hoping that something can finally be done on Route 202 and Camp Hill Road intersection. I would like to personally thank Michael Lawler and his team of people for helping with this, without them all this would not have been possible.

Mendy Lasker: We have had many website updates recently. We added on our website and in an email blast to residents, reminding them that if they plan on doing a fire next week for the Jewish holiday that they need to get a burn permit. It is very important, so the Village and the Fire Department know where fires may be done and it's safe. Anyone coming in for burn permits

We just recently had the Grand Fondo